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For : METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING SIGNALING AND  
CONTROL INFORMATION FOR WAVELENGTH-  
DIVISION MULTIPLEX NETWORKS FOR USE IN  
OPTICAL, FIBER-BOUND INFORMATION  
TRANSFER  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the above-identified application before examination as follows:

**In The Specification:**

On page 1, before line 1, insert --Background Information--.

On page 1, line 2, before "invention" insert --present--.

On page 1, line 3, delete ", according to the preamble of claim 1".

On page 2, line 22, before "invention" insert --present--.

On page 3, line 25, insert --Summary Of The Invention--.

On page 4, line 29, change "claimed method" to --method according to the present invention--.

On page 8, delete lines 1-8 and in their place insert:

**--Brief Description Of The Drawings**

Figure 1 shows functional elements of an optical WDM network.

Figure 2 depicts the principal chronological sequence for signal transmission in accordance with the method of the present invention.

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